

39. The method of claim 35, wherein the step of applying pressure on the overlapping area of the at least one web is carried out via a rotatable member that faces the internal backing member and engages the overlapping area of the at least one web that is located between the internal backing member and the rotatable member. --

IN THE ABSTRACT

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-- A wrapping apparatus for wrapping an elongated article, such as a stack of interfolded paper towels, includes a web supply section that supplies a pair of webs of wrapping material, and a wrapping section for applying the pair of webs about the article. The web supply section includes a pair of web supply stations for each web of wrapping material, and a source of wrapping material, such as a supply roll, is located at each web supply station. The webs of wrapping material are applied to the elongated article such that side areas of the webs overlap each other, and adhesive such as hot glue is applied between the overlapping areas of the webs. A pressure application assembly applies pressure to the overlapping areas of the webs to even out the adhesive, and includes an internal backing member located between the elongated article and each overlapping area of the webs. A rotatable member, such as a belt, engages each overlapping area of the webs and bears against the internal backing member to apply pressure to the adhesive. Compression is maintained on the elongated article while the adhesive sets, and the wrapped elongated article is discharged from the wrapping section through a discharge passage which includes a cooling assembly for extracting heat from the seal between the overlapping webs. The wrapped elongated article is then discharged from the wrapping section for subsequent processing. --